MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is a matter which should be ascertained by a reference to the Municipal Regulation.

Construction of a bridge near the Vettikal market.

306 ❋ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they or the department have considered the question of the construction of a bridge near the Vettikal Market in Vayippoor Muri in the Tiruvella taluk; and

(*b*) the action, if any, taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) No. There is already a bridge existing at the locality.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that the existing Bridge in the locality is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir, I do not think that this Bridge is in a dilapidated condition. It has been repaired.

MR. PULIYOOR T P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know when it was repaired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Not long ago.

Improvements to the Uravakal-Elangulam road.

307 ❋ MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of Akalakunnam pakuthi in the Kottayam taluk to make the Uravakal-Elangulam road fit for cart traffic: and

(*b*) what steps they have taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The road is being improved.

Opening of a road from Thalayolaparambu to Neerpara.

308 ❋ MR. A. J. JOHN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to open a road from Thalayolaparambu to Neerpara in the Vaikom taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: A preliminary investigation has been made.

MR. A. J. JOHN: May I know what steps have been taken towards the construction of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: An investigation has been made.

Maintenance of the Kottayam-Kumarakam road.

309 ❋ MR. A. J. JOHN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received memorials and petitions from the public of Chengalam in the Kottayam taluk to maintain the road opened by the people from the Kottayam-Kumarakam road to Olesha; and

(*b*) what action they have taken in this matter?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT. (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) The road has been surveyed. The lands required for the road have not been fully surrendered by the people free of compensation, and when this is done, the question of taking the road under departmental maintenance will be considered.

Opening of a road from Valiad to Kottayam.

310 *MR. A. J. JOHN: With reference to answer given on the 26th July 1937 to question No. 50 (representation for opening a road from Valiad to Kottayam and to sanction a ferry boat at Puthen *thodu* junction), will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Land acquisition is proceeding with regard to opening of the road from Valiad to Kottayam. The Land Revenue Department is being asked to take necessary action regarding the establishment of a ferry service at Puthen *thodu* junction as it is reported that the P. W. D. does not maintain any roads on either side of the ferry.

Statement re: maintenance grants paid in 1112 and 1113 M. E.

311 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the amounts of maintenance grants paid in 1112 and 1113 M. E.

(*b*) the amounts of the deficits submitted to Government by the school Managers for getting those grants;

(*c*) the strength of the pupils and the number of trained graduate teachers shown in the applications for grants allowed for 1112 and 1113; and

(*d*) other particulars, if any, considered by the Government for allowing such grants with respect to each of:—

(i) the English Middle Schools and English High Schools for Boys under private management in the Muvattupuzha Division; and

(ii) the English Middle Schools and High Schools for Girls under private managements throughout the State?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*). A *statement furnishing the information is plased on the table.

(*d*) The member is referred to Rule 147 (*b*) of the Education Code. Grant was sanctioned to the Institutions to the extent of 1/3 of the allowable deficit in the case of Boys' Schools and 1/2 of the allowable defict in the case of Girls' Schools. Other factors such as availability of funds, total strength and general efficiency of the institutions, were also taken into consideration in awarding grant.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know when and what deficits are treated as allowable and what non-allowable?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I am sorry a general answer to that question is not possible. I can say that the items vary with the vagaries of each manager.

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